



PRAYER FOCUS

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THANK YOU FOR JOINING US IN PRAYING FOR: Trauma Recovery Ministries

The scale of trauma in our world is unimaginable but real. Anxiety and fear are the constant companions of millions of war victims, trafficking victims, and many others affected in one way or another by the effects of living in a fallen world. TEAM global workers regularly encounter lives that have been shredded by trauma.

The impact of trauma includes not only the traumatic event itself, but also the lingering effects that occur long afterward. These can include post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) as well as physical injury, economic devastation, isolation, and the risk of further victimization. **These compounding factors lead to a spiritual bewilderment in which the victim of trauma is left asking, “Do I matter to anyone?”** Bereft of hope, they seek peace and desperately need someone to show them Who can provide it.

For this month’s Prayer Focus, we invite you to pray for trauma recovery ministries in these ways:

Mon: **PRAY for the global Church to have eyes to see those around us in need of healing.** God has not called us individually to rescue everyone – but He does expect us, like the Good Samaritan, to demonstrate love to the neighbor who may be from across the street or the other side of the world.

Tue: **PRAY for those working in trauma recovery.** Just like second-hand smoke damages the lungs of those in proximity to smokers, second-hand trauma is experienced by those who are helping the traumatized. Pray for the caregivers. Their work is emotionally and physically exhausting and can disable their ability to serve. Pray for TEAM’s Member Care personnel to have ongoing wisdom and resources to care for our global workers.

Wed: **PRAY for those still in the midst of trauma events.** Jesus instructed us to pray, “deliver us from evil.” (Matthew 6:13) As the body of Christ, we have the privilege to be on our knees imploring the Lord to intervene and deliver those experiencing trauma that most of us cannot fathom.

Thu: **PRAY for the work of the Gospel.** Helping in practical ways gives voice to the Gospel to reach those who otherwise may never have listened. Today the traumatized victims of the war in Ukraine are finding peace and rest in coming to faith in Christ. A spiritual awakening is happening. Light is being called out of darkness by our powerful and redeeming God.

Fri: **PRAY for long-term disciple-making opportunities.** Those who have become strangers in a strange land need to find friendship, comfort, and peace with the people of God in the Church of Jesus Christ.

Sat/Sun: **PRAY for your own church...** to reach out to those “neighbors” within your reach, and for our global workers who touch lives daily.